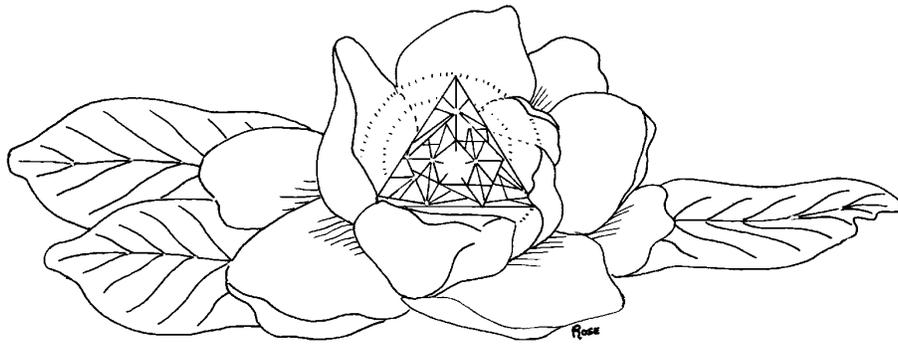


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The disciple in the Hierarchy can give that Plan an abstract form, but its birth in the three worlds depends upon the ability of the disciple in the body of humanity to grasp that abstraction, to embody it and to give it concrete form. **From the R Archives "The Divine Plan" P.3**

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Obedience to the Plan brings revelation of the hidden Purpose, and this is a phrasing of the great objective which impulses the Hierarchy itself. **The Rays and The Initiations P.315**

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## New Kids On The block

**F**or sure, there are some new kids on the block. In a number of places in his work D.K. tells of their coming. The following references are from *The Rays And The Initiations*, circa 1945 or so.

“These instructions are written for future disciples towards the end of this century.” *The Rays and The Initiations P.24*

“This information is, I realize, of little immediate importance to you, but—towards the end of the century—it will be found explanatory of much.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 368*

“There is much that I could say which would be of small use to the average aspirant, as it would be concerned with subjective realities which—though existent and occult facts in a natural process—are as yet unrealizable. My problem is to present the process in such a manner that—**towards the end of this century**—educators will be thinking, speaking and teaching in terms of bridging, and thus approaching basic statements which have a definite bearing upon this point which we are considering.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 474*

“Much that I will have to say anent ray energy and the higher initiations will mean little to many, but it will mean much to the initiate-consciousness. The world initiates will be coming into incarnation at this time, and will read my words towards the end of this century with great understanding.” *The Rays and The Initiations P. 602*

Alice Bailey copyrighted *Discipleship in the New Age* in 1944. That was 61 years ago. The disciples who made up the groups in

what D.K. described as experiments in group work must have been at least 40/50 years old. So, the end of the century has come and gone, and there is every indication that there are indeed “new kids” on the block.

However, as these New Kids know and appreciate, the fact is that they are really just upgrades of the Old Kids. They are evidence of the success of the Pisces Project. As evolutionary advancements, built on the experience of earlier incarnations and learning, they are essentially new models.

### ***Disciples of Synthesis***

They have developed the stability to use a new, high frequency, high powered operating system with an evolutionary top down design, a major consciousness upgrade, or, you might say, expansion and a new ILP (Immediate Linkage Processor). So, they differ significantly from the older models in many respects. For lack of a better name, I call this new model The Disciple of Synthesis.

The problem we immediately encountered with the rollout of this new model is that the term, “disciple” has been used so broadly, that its true spiritual meaning is virtually gone. So, before we discuss the new upgrades and enhancements that characterize a Disciple of Synthesis, I want to take a few moments this evening to get us all on the same page regarding what we, or I at least, actually mean by the concept we have clothed in the thoughtform “disciple.”

Over the centuries there have always been candidates for entry into the Mysteries of Life. There have always been members of the Human Family who have through strenuous and determined effort gradually fitted themselves to experience a greater level of awareness and understanding. These individuals gradually gain an awareness of reality that, while not separating them, does move them, in a sense, apart from the rest of humanity.

These individuals have been called by many names through time. In what D.K. calls the *Old Commentary*, these individuals were frequently called Seekers and Pilgrims. In the more modern language they are called disciples. We also refer to these folks as light workers, and path walkers. Over these many, many years, the way in which pilgrims and or disciples have been required to work, the tools that they have had at their disposal, the energies available for them with which to work, have changed. However, on the Spiritual Path, the basics of discipleship have always been, and remain today, the same.

In the inner circles of true spiritual groups the term disciple has always carried a certain definite meaning and significance. This meaning and significance has very little to do with the disciples allegiance to the forms of the group's manifestation, to the dogma, theology, teachings, personalities, saints, masters or gods of the group. It was understood by the awakened disciple that these various forms and manifestations were simply the forms and manifestations of the inner principles. So, having little to do with allegiance to the

forms, the meaning and significance of discipleship has always had everything to do with the way the disciple lived his or her life, or modeled the principles.

According to the myths, tales and legends we have from both ancient and not so ancient history, it seems that relative to the number of human beings, there have always been very few disciples. We can go back to the Greek heroes about whom we have read in the histories, plays and myths of the ancient writers. We find disciples with names like Prometheus and Hercules, Agamemnon, Ulysses and Oedipus. We can jump several thousands of years forward and find disciples with names like Arthur and Lancelot and Gawain. And even today, if we are asked to name a disciple, we come up with individuals like Susan B. Anthony, President Roosevelt and Martin L. King.

In this view we get a picture of discipleship as involving only individuals of great renown. Because of this, we tend to get a somewhat slanted view of

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discipleship. We think that disciples are great persons, widely known and respected. Perhaps, when humanity was still struggling to move from its infancy, this situation was so. However, today this is not actually the case. There are many, many disciples, many, many individuals who have consciously and deliberately placed their feet upon the Path of Return.

However, the old thoughtform, that to be a disciple one must, somehow, be famous or hold a position of prestige and celebrity, still has a lot of persuasive power. This

thoughtform in fact lies at the core of one of the deep glammers that we have to pierce as we make our own way on the path that leads to the Ashrams of the Masters. Many individuals who are in fact treading the Path of Return have grave doubts concerning their own worthiness to aspire to discipleship. They reason that if they were of discipleship quality they would be famous or important or at least not so prone to stumbling and personal lapses, what they see as weaknesses in their daily living.

Sometimes this line of reasoning simply masks a fear on the part of the disciple to accept the responsibility that discipleship entails. They forget that it isn't the lapses and mistakes that disciples make that matter it's the courage to continue to move forward in spite of anything. It is the unquenchable will to move into the Light, no matter what, that makes a disciple. As D.K. mentions, "It is intensity of purpose which will change you from the plodding, fairly satisfactory aspirant into the disciple whose heart and mind are aflame."  
***Discipleship In The New Age V.I P. 538***

Some of our brothers and sisters find this fact unsettling. They would prefer to think that position and celebrity are criteria for discipleship. Thus, they avoid life and slip rather easily into the Prufrockian refrain,

***No! I am not Prince Hamlet, nor was  
meant to be;/ Am an attendant lord, one  
that will do/ To swell a progress, start a  
scene or two,/ Advise the prince; no  
doubt, an easy tool,  
Deferential, glad to be of use,  
Politic, cautious, and meticulous;  
Full of high sentence, but a bit obtuse;***

T.S. Eliot  
***"The Love Song of J. Alfred Prufrock"***

If criteria of discipleship were great renown or a high profile on the stage of human life, the number of disciples in human history, compared to the number of humans, would be infinitesimal. Discipleship does have a great deal to do with courage, a quality notably lacking in Prufrock and, sad to say, in many would be disciples today. However, discipleship really has little or nothing to do with who one does or does not know. It also has little or nothing to do with who does or does not know that one is a disciple.

### ***The Cause Of Human Betterment***

If one is a disciple, we can rest assured that those who matter know it. This too, however, has little bearing on one's discipleship, which is a matter of how one lives his or her life rather than who one knows, or who knows one is living. An apparently simple statement from D.K. sums up this basic discriminator of discipleship. "The disciple is strictly humanitarian in his outlook. He works for the One Humanity, and, though aware possibly that he is affiliated with the Hierarchy, his loyalties, his service and his life intention are directed ***entirely*** [*my emphasis*] to the cause of human betterment." ***The Externalization of the Hierarchy P. 586***

In this sentence we have the boilerplate for discipleship. It really does not matter who knows that we are attempting to live the life of the disciple, even if it's the Hierarchy. What matters is what we do in the cause of "human betterment."

True, most, if not all of us, who are attempting to model this kind of life, stumble from time to time. We experience failures. The causes for these failures appear in different guises, the most

common of which is hubris, or pride. Another, which is very prevalent just now, is, as I mentioned, a lack of courage. Greed, too, is a frequent guise of failure. However, a clear look into these causes will reveal that, at bottom, they all flow from self preoccupation.

Like all concepts associated with the Path, these flaws are relative, and they appear and act in relative ways in our lives. Besides the occasional major disaster, they cause no end of little screw ups, little episodes in which one damages another, or hinders another, or puts a block in one's or another's path. This is the stuff of our daily lives as we keep on keeping on.

Most of these flaws whether we are considering major or minor problems, stem from a loss of focus. The loss of focus stems from shifting our view from the needs of the Plan, from human betterment to ourselves. Concerned for human betterment, we are walking forward, facing the future, facing the incoming developments of the Plan which we are attempting to register and help to manifest. Concerned for ourselves, we are facing backwards looking at the past and walking, not forward, but in circles.

For the disciple, this shift is really a kind of backsliding, and it does represent, at least in the beginning, the path of least resistance. Concern for human betterment is one of the first indicators that the disciple's identification is shifting from the exclusive view of the separated self to the inclusive view of the Soul. We are beginning to develop the new consciousness, group or inclusive consciousness.

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Self concern flows from the illusion of a separated self existence. As it says in the Ageless Wisdom, "The disciple loses his or her way in the fogs and mists of glamour and illusion that beset him on the Path." If we deconstruct this rather blinding language, it turns out that losing one's way means that one gets turned around and, facing backwards, starts making decisions based on the illusory perspective of the separated self. One's "loyalties, service and life intention" are directed towards one's own aggrandizement, position and power rather than to the cause of human betterment.

To deconstruct that language a bit, to make this crystal clear, we could say that one sells out his friends and co-workers to further his or her own position in the company or to get a bigger slice of the profit, or to win a coveted spot on the team or on and on and on. This behavior is, of course rather normal for the separated, non-enlightened personality. However, once one places his or her foot on the Path of return, the Path of discipleship, this kind of behavior can become very problematic, indeed.

Well, we get the picture. It is actually very simple. The ancient and profound refrain, "With self forgetfulness we gather what we need for the helping of our fellow men." sums it up for us. Disciples gather what they need for the cause of human betterment by focusing on what will help the general good and forgetting their own separate thing.

Now, let me end with a quick overview of the new high powered operating system and the consciousness upgrades, or expansions that characterize the new disciples of synthesis.

## ***The Kernel.***

The Kernel, or the central module of the new Operating System which, unlike the old system, is not resident in memory is accessed through a Buddhic Frequency. The Kernel contains a brand new Prime Directive which directs all project planning and implementation. The Prime Directive is built around the following set of non-deviational, unavoidable, interdependent, interrelational, CosmoTechnical Principles and Laws:

***The Principle of Essential Divinity***

***The Principle of Unanimity***

***The Principle of Goodwill***

***The Law of Right Human Relations***

***The Law of Group Endeavor***

***The Law of Spiritual Approach***

Time does not allow for a breakdown of these Principles and Laws; however, every Disciple of Synthesis, to the degree that he or she is able, understands and endeavors to adhere unequivocally to these Prime Directives in all aspects of daily living.

## ***The Operating System***

The Operating System is a top down rather than a bottom up model. Disciples of Synthesis are aligned with and work from the macrocosmic world of principle. They utilize the Buddhic Frequency, resident in the Kernel, what we call the intuition, to identify with the germane Principles and then direct any service efforts or projects. Thus they work from Principle to manifestation.

They do not use the old system technology of extrapolating the current manifestation into its next “logical” form thereby progressing the form—as well as the system flaws that are resident in the old programs. Through a process of synthesis, the top down model releases the Life imprisoned in the old form and evolves it into a new form. This new form will reveal a clearer more advanced understanding of the principle free from any conditioning or direction of the form in which the previous understanding was packaged.

## ***The New Consciousness***

The Consciousness Upgrade is significant. The old self centered, flat file, exclusive, separative, non-relational, one at a time, competitive based decision making, ultimately, illusory view of reality has been upgraded to an all new relational, inclusive whole system realization. The new consciousness RECOGNIZES that all aspects, including all forms of the lower three dense realms and all frequencies of the Spiritual realms are interdependent and linked. There is no separation.

The New Consciousness understands that the lower three worlds are temporary reflections or manifestations of the inner worlds of Spiritual Living. That this system was inherent in the field is true. However because of its past focused, localized and self fixed orientation the old flat file consciousness was unable to locate it.

## ***The ILP (Immediate Linkage Processor)***

The new processor, the result of the construction of the antahkarna or the buddhic/brain bridge achieves immediate brain/concept linkage by placing the brain in direct alignment with the Concept under consideration. This new process called

straight knowledge or intuition eliminates a lot of the sometimes slow memory retrieval from brain storage. Also where the old process of remembering actually controlled and determined the shape and effectiveness of any forms that the disciple was attempting to create, straight knowledge, by not using the retrieval of old thoughtforms and models to direct the creative process, allows for new solutions and possibilities to come into play.

The boilerplate requirements of discipleship, as stated, remain the same; however, the new Disciples of Synthesis can be recognized rather easily by their utilization of these new programs and consciousness upgrades. Just one example will have to suffice for this evening:

The aim of the Ashram is, as we know, to bring about the externalization of the Hierarchy and the reappearance of the Christ. In the old, past oriented, self centered, flat file system, disciples looked for the Hierarchy and the Christ to do something to cause their externalization and reappearance. We were passively waiting for them “to pop in or up, like well done pieces of morning toast.” However, Christ, as D.K. has pointed out, never left us, and the 5<sup>th</sup> Kingdom, or the Kingdom of Souls has forever been present among us.

The inhabitants of this Kingdom, The Spiritual Hierarchy, moved, it is so, from the dense physical to the mental plane and from there to the Buddhic plane. However, they had not left us. These higher planes are very much a part of our world.

Contacting the Hierarchy, which was resident on these higher planes of consciousness, required—on the part of the disciple rather than on the part of the Master—a greater level of development. Thus, the Disciple of Synthesis realizes that the externalization of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kingdom is not so much a matter of the Hierarchy doing stuff to make themselves visible to us, as it is a matter of human beings developing the ability to register and manifest on the dense physical plane that which has always been present.

So, it is rather simple. To the degree that we are able to embody the principles of the 5<sup>th</sup> Kingdom or live the life of discipleship, we are the externalizing Hierarchy. We are here now.

As for the reappearance of the Christ, the Light of the World, He is a daily unfolding revelation. To use a phrase from the Ageless Wisdom, “Nearer is He than breathing. Closer than hands and feet.”

Tom Carney  
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